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E.O. 11652: GDS, DECON 8/30/74

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SUBJECT: GVN-PRG BILATERALS: 23RD PLENARY SESSION, AUGUST 30, 1973

1. VICE PM NGUYEN LUU VIEN FOR GVN BEGAN UNPRODUCTIVE SESSION BY DEFENDING NIXON DOCTRINE (WHICH PRG HAD ATTACHED IN PREVIOUS MEETINGS) AS RESPECTFUL OF SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE OF ALL COUNTRIES, IN CONTRAST TO DOCTRINES OF LENIN AND BREZHNEV FOLLOWED BY OTHER SIDE WHICH JUSTIFY INTERVENTION. VIEN CONTRASTED GVN PROPOSAL FOR AN OVERALL SOLUTION TO INTERNAL PROBLEMS OF SVN WITH OTHER SIDE'S CONTINUING VIOLATIONS OF PARIS AGREEMENT AND EFFORTS TO SUBJUGATE SVN BY FORCE; CITING AS EVIDENCE STRENGTHENING OF KHE SANH AS A BASE FOR FUTURE ATTACKS. VIEN NOTED LONG-TIME PRESENCE OF NVA IN CAMBODIA AND DENIED ANY GVN TROOPS WERE IN THAT COUNTRY. HE DEFENDED GVN RECORD ON CIVILIAN PRISONERS AND THE SENATE ELECTIONS OF AUGUST 26TH, STATING THAT GVN HAD DUTY TO PURSUE NORMAL POLITICAL PROCESSES ACCORDING TO ITS CONSTITUTION PENDING ORGANIZATION OF GENERAL ELECTIONS UNDER PARIS AGREEMENT. VIEN CONCLUDED BY URGING OTHER SIDE TO NEGOTIATE SO THAT GENERAL ELECTIONS COULD BE HELD ON CHRISTMAS DAY AS GVN HAD PROPOSED.

2. MINISTER OF STATE NGUYEN VAN HIEU FOR PRG CITED

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HIS DELEGATION'S PROPOSALS OF APRIL 25, JUNE 28 AND JULY 18 AS EVIDENCE OF PRG DESIRE TO IMPLEMENT PARIS

AGREEMENT AND RAPIDLY ARRIVE AT AN ACCORD ON SVN
INTERNAL MATTERS. HIEU NOTED IN PARTICULAR PRG
POSITION THAT GENERAL ELECTIONS SHOULD CHOOSE A CON-
STITUENT ASSEMBLY. HE ACCUSED GVN OF ATTEMPTING TO
AVOID REALLY DEMOCRATIC AND FREE ELECTIONS AND OF
DESIRING TO MAINTAIN ITSELF IN POWER THROUGH REPRESSION.
HEIU DENOUNCED AUGUST 26 SENATE ELECTIONS IN SVN AS A
"FARCE." HIEU THEN MADE USUAL PITCH FOR PRIORITY
DISCUSSION OF AN EFFECTIVE CEASE-FIRE, RETURN OF
CIVILIAN PRISONERS, AND GUARANTEE OF DEMOCRATIC LIBER-
TIES, MAKING USUAL ACCUSATIONS AGAINST GVN IN THESE
THREE FIELDS.

3. AT AFTERNOON PRESS CONFERENCE PRG SPOKESMAN LY VAN
SAU CRITICIZED VIEN'S SPEECH AS "PROVOCATIVE AND IN-
SOLENT," ENGAGED IN LENGTHY ACCUSATIONS ALLEGING
GVN MISTREATMENT OF 202,000 "POLITICAL PRISONERS,"
AND BLAMED GVN FOR ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES IN SVN.

4. IT WAS AGREED TO MEET AGAIN SEPTEMBER 6.
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